

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US04/21061

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : B28C 5/08

US CL : 366/54, 59;

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 366/54, 56, 57, 59; 524/507, 123, 474

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
EASTElectronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
polycene, pfe, polytetrafluoroethylene, olefin, polyurethane, drum, coating, plastic, resin, lubricating

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	WO 01/26871 A1 (KHOURI et al) 19 December 2001, see entire document.	1-58
Y	US 5,432,211 A (MORITA et al) 11 July 1995, see entire document.	1-58
Y	US 4,937,010 A (MAILLAT) 26 June 1990, see entire document.	1-58
Y	US 5,399,192 A (YAMASOE) 21 March 1995, see entire document.	1-58
A	WO 03/01694 A1 (KHOURI et al) 11 December 2003, see entire document	1-58

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☐ See patent family annex.

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-58	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims 1-58	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-58	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1-58 LACK an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over WO 01/26871 (WO '781 to KHURI et al) in view of US 5,432,211 to MORITA et al 5,432,211 (US '211) and US 5,399,192 to YAMASOE (US '192) and US 4,927,010 to MAILLAT (US '010).

The WIPO document (WO '781) discloses a cement mixer drum with a helical agitator, and an inner surface of urethane material.

The WO '781 discloses all of the recited subject matter as defined within the scope of the claims with the exception of the inner urethane surface having a slip agent material, in particular PTFE, or olefin such as polydecene or polyalpha olefin fluid.

The US '211 reference teaches that a wear resistant, and corrosion resistant resin coating, column 2, lines 60-66, maybe prepared with a base of urethane resin and PTFE, (fluorine-containing compounds) for lubricity and water resistance, column 5, line 13-15, and 56-60, and column 6, line 5 - 24.

The US '192 reference teaches that a water resistant coating may be prepared with a base resin of urethane, column 4, line 14 with small amounts of polyolefin resins, column 4, line 16-17.

The US '010 reference teaches that a lubrication coating may be formed from a base urethane, column 6, lines 16-21, and an additive of solid lubricant, such as PTFE, or a liquid lubricant, column 3, lines 60-66, through column 4, lines 6.

In view of the teaching as a whole of the US '211, US '192, and US '010 references that one may provide a urethane base with additive material such as PTFE or olefin so as to provide a characteristics of wear resistance, water resistance, or lubrication, and whereby such additives may be in the form of solids or liquids (as discussed by US '010), it is deemed that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the urethane base of the WO '781 reference with the addition of lubricant additives such as fluorine containing compounds or olefin compounds so that the inner surface of the drum would wear better and resist rusting.

Claims 1-58 MEET the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus has industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.